

**STATEMENT OF CANDIDATE FOR
DRY CREEK JOINT ELEMENTARY SCHOOL DISTRICT**

Ryan Darke

Age: 32

Occupation: Health Care Management/School Board Trustee

Education and Qualifications: I am a parent to one elementary student and two future students. I am a graduate of public elementary, high schools and universities. I have a Bachelor's Degree from UC Davis and a Master's Degree from the University of Missouri.

My wife and I moved to this area in 2000, and when the birth of our third child forced us to move again, we made certain to stay within the Dry Creek Joint Elementary School District. I am committed to this district and community, currently serving as a board member, participating as a PTA member, helping in the classroom, coaching soccer and teaching financial principles at my church. This is a community where I plan to raise my children, so I have an intense interest in preserving the excellence that has been established over the district's 128 years.

I plan to focus my attention on continuing the district's success in blending the traditional values of Placer County's rural life with the diversity that new growth has brought to Antelope and Roseville. Since being appointed in February, I have successfully continued the excellence that preceded me, highlighted by the passage of a 2-year teacher contract.